

## "REGIONAL INSIGHTS: TRANSPARENCY INDEX OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES 2024"

**Time of event: 8th November, 11AM - 12:30PM Helsinki/Riga/Vilnius time**

**Organised by Transparency International Latvia (Sabiedrība par atklātību – Delna),  
Transparency International Norway (Norge), Transparency International Lithuania.**

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**Location of the event: online (Zoom platform)**

### PROGRAMME

#### **Description of the event:**

The objective of the event is to present the newly developed **Transparency Index of Local Authorities (TILA) 2024**. Through this event, participants will gain insights into the findings, a comparative analysis featured in the report between Norway and Latvia, and the methodology employed in the creation of the index. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to compare the progress of municipal transparency and good governance in Latvian and Norwegian municipalities since 2021.

The event will conclude with a panel discussion on the theme: "**Balancing Efficiency and Accountability: The Role of Technology in the Future of Municipal Governance**", which will explore strategies to avoid bureaucratic complexities while strengthening accountability in local governance.

<b>10:50</b>	<b>Connecting to the ZOOM online platform</b>
<b>11:00 - 11:20</b>	<b>The opening of the final online regional event, presentations and Q/A session (2x presentations, each 7 minutes and 3 minutes Q/A)</b>

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	<p><b>Comparison of transparency across the municipalities analyzed in Latvia and Norway, D. Kazina, Delna (Transparency International Latvia)</b> <i>Researcher and Project Manager;</i></p> <p><b>Evolution of Norwegian and Latvian municipalities since 2021: Success Stories and Downfalls, T. Dølvik, Transparency International Norway Special Advisor;</b></p>
<p><b>11:20 - 11:40</b></p>	<p><b>Exploring TI Ukraine's Experience: Analyzing City Transparency, Including Cities Close to The Frontline, A.Mazurok, Transparency International Ukraine Deputy Executive Director</b></p> <p><a href="https://ti-ukraine.org/en/research/between-security-and-transparency-a-study-of-how-city-councils-work-during-the-war/">https://ti-ukraine.org/en/research/between-security-and-transparency-a-study-of-how-city-councils-work-during-the-war/</a> latest report 2023</p>
<p><b>11:40 - 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion "Balancing Efficiency and Accountability: The Future of Municipal Governance"</b></p> <p><i>How to avoid bureaucratic complexities while strengthening accountability in local governance? Participatory budget, transparency of municipal authorities etc.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Līga Stafecka</b>, Senior Policy Analyst at Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS (Latvia);</li> <li>- <b>Ingrida Kalinauskienė</b>, Chief Operating Officer at Transparency International Lithuania;</li> <li>- <b>Jan Fridthjof Bernt</b>, Professor Emeritus in Law, University of Bergen, Norway</li> </ul>

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